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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for the production of a fluorinated phenylenediamine represented by the following formula (2), which comprises steps of reacting a diamide represented by the following formula (1) with NaOX [wherein X stands for a bromine atom (Br) or a chlorine atom (Cl)] at a molar ratio of the NaOX to the diamide (NaOX/diamide ratio) in the range of 2.0 - 6.0 and NaOH at a molar ratio of the NaOH to the diamide (NaOH/diamide ratio) in the range of 1.8 - 6.0.

$$F_{1} \qquad Y_{m} \qquad (1)$$

$$(CONH_{2})_{2}$$

$$F_{1} \qquad Y_{m} \qquad (2)$$

$$(NH_{2})_{2}$$

wherein in the formulas (1) and (2), Y stands for a hydrogen atom (H), a bromine atom (Br), a chlorine atom (Cl), a fluorine atom (F), a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkyl group optionally having a substituent, or a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkoxyl group optionally having a substituent, 1 is an integer in the range of 1 - 4, m is an integer in the range of 0 - 3, provided that the total number of 1 and m (1 + m) is 4.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said diamide is reacted with NaOX and NaOH at a temperature in the range of 0 - 20°C and the resultant reaction product is heated at a temperature exceeding 20°C and not exceeding 100°C.

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3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1[[ or 2]], wherein said diamide is a diamide represented by the following formula (4) and said phenylenediamine is a phenylenediamine represented by the following formula (5).

wherein in the formulas (4) and (5), Y stands for a hydrogen atom (H), a bromine atom (Br), a chlorine atom (Cl), a fluorine atom (F), a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkyl group optionally having a substituent, or a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkoxyl group optionally having a substituent.

- 4. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1 3 claim 1, wherein the molar absorption coefficient of the fluorinated phenylenediamine represented by the formula (2) at a wavelength of 450 nm is not more than 2.5 (l/mol·cm).
- 5. (Currently Amended) A method for the production of a polyamic acid represented by the formula (9), which comprises reacting the fluorinated phenylenediamine produced by the method set forth in claim 1[[ or 2]] with tetracaraboxylic acid represented by the formula (8), the acid anhydride or acid chloride thereof, or the ester thereof in an organic solvent.

wherein X' stands for a tetravalent organic group,

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$$Y_m$$

NHOC COOH

HOOC COOH

wherein Y stands for a hydrogen atom (H), a bromine atom (Br), a chlorine atom (Cl), a fluorine atom (F), a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkyl group optionally having a substituent, or a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkoxyl group optionally having a substituent, l is an integer in the range of 1 - 4, m is an integer in the range of 0 - 3, provided that the total number of l and m (l + m) is 4, and X' stands for a tetravalent organic group.

6. (Original) A method for the production of polyimide represented by the formula (10), which comprises cyclizing by heating the polyamic acid produced by the method set forth in claim 5:

wherein Y stands for a hydrogen atom (H), a bromine atom (Br), a chlorine atom (Cl), a fluorine atom (F), a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkyl group optionally having a substituent, or a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkoxyl group optionally having a substituent, l is an integer in the range of 1 - 4, m is an integer in the range of 0 - 3, provided that the total number of l and m (l + m) is 4, and X' stands for a tetravalent organic group.

7. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein said diamide is a diamide represented by the following formula (4) and said phenylenediamine is a phenylenediamine represented by the following formula (5).

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$$F_3$$
 $CONH_2$ 
 $F_3$ 
 $H_2NOC$ 
 $NH_2$ 
 $(4)$ 

wherein in the formulas (4) and (5), Y stands for a hydrogen atom (H), a bromine atom (Br), a chlorine atom (Cl), a fluorine atom (F), a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkyl group optionally having a substituent, or a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkoxyl group optionally having a substituent.

- 8. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein the molar absorption coefficient of the fluorinated phenylenediamine represented by the formula (2) at a wavelength of 450 nm is not more than 2.5 (l/mol·cm).
- 9. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein the molar absorption coefficient of the fluorinated phenylenediamine represented by the formula (2) at a wavelength of 450 nm is not more than 2.5 (1/mol·cm).
- 10. (New) A method according to claim 7, wherein the molar absorption coefficient of the fluorinated phenylenediamine represented by the formula (2) at a wavelength of 450 nm is not more than 2.5 (l/mol·cm).
- 11. (New) A method for the production of a polyamic acid represented by the formula (9), which comprises reacting the fluorinated phenylenediamine produced by the method set forth in claim 2 with tetracaraboxylic acid represented by the formula (8), the acid anhydride or acid chloride thereof, or the ester thereof in an organic solvent.

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wherein X' stands for a tetravalent organic group,

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & Y_m \\
\hline
 & NHOC \\
\hline
 & CONH \\
\hline
 & COOH
\end{array}$$

wherein Y stands for a hydrogen atom (H), a bromine atom (Br), a chlorine atom (Cl), a fluorine atom (F), a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkyl group optionally having a substituent, or a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkoxyl group optionally having a substituent, l is an integer in the range of 1 - 4, m is an integer in the range of 0 - 3, provided that the total number of l and m (l + m) is 4, and X' stands for a tetravalent organic group.

12. (New) A method for the production of polyimide represented by the formula (10), which comprises cyclizing by heating the polyamic acid produced by the method set forth in claim 11:

wherein Y stands for a hydrogen atom (H), a bromine atom (Br), a chlorine atom (Cl), a fluorine atom (F), a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkyl group optionally having a substituent, or a  $C_1$  -  $C_5$  alkoxyl group optionally having a substituent, l is an integer in the range of 1 - 4, m is an integer in the range of 0 - 3, provided that the total number of l and m (l + m) is 4, and X' stands for a tetravalent organic group.